

*Constituents can Sign-up Online to Ensure Inclusion*

**SCOTTSDALE** - U.S. Rep. Harry Mitchell will participate in two live telephone town hall meetings to discuss the issue of health care and health insurance reform on Wednesday, August 26, with individuals residing in Arizona's Fifth Congressional District.

"I believe that the telephone town hall format maximizes the ability to engage respectfully on the issue with folks across the district," Mitchell said. "Reaching more people and taking more questions provides an opportunity to constructively listen to the thoughts, concerns and opinions of people and to answer their questions about the proposals in Congress. I also want to highlight the provisions where there is bipartisan agreement and on benchmarks I believe should be met in order to gain my support."

The American Association of Retired People (AARP) will host the first live tele-town hall, which will feature Mitchell, and will be exclusively for AARP members residing in Arizona's Fifth Congressional District.

The second town hall, at 6:30 p.m. local Arizona time, will be open to all individuals currently residing in Arizona's Fifth Congressional District. Residents can sign-up online at [www.mitchell.house.gov](http://www.mitchell.house.gov) to ensure inclusion onto the call.

During Mitchell's most recent live telephone town hall, more than 9,000 residents of Arizona's Fifth District participated and had the opportunity to ask questions and hear directly from Mitchell. The telephone town hall format maximizes the ability to constructively communicate with constituents by reaching more people and taking more questions.

Media will be invited to listen in on the district-wide town hall meeting. Details, including dial-in instructions, will be provided to interested media at a later date.

**Wednesday, August 26, 2009**

**AARP Telephone Town Hall featuring U.S. Rep. Harry E. Mitchell**

This town hall will be sponsored by AARP for their members residing in Arizona's Fifth Congressional District.

**Arizona Fifth District Telephone Town Hall hosted by U.S. Rep. Harry E. Mitchell**

This town hall will be open to constituents that reside in Arizona's Fifth District. Constituents will need to sign-up at [www.mitchell.house.gov](http://www.mitchell.house.gov) to ensure inclusion onto the call.